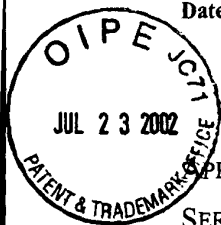


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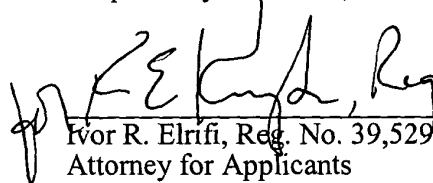
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time for replying to the February 5, 2002, Notice to File Missing Parts. With the extension, the present papers are due on or before August 5, 2002.

A check for \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3). The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference no. 21402-224 AB (CURA-524AB). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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